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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS IN KENYA

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1. ATTORNEY GENERAL CHARLES NJONJO SAID IN AN ADDRESS TO A GROUP OF VISITING AUSTRIAN PARLIAMENTARIANS IN NAIROBI ON JANUARY 6 THAT AS LONG AS ANY THREAT TO PUBLIC SECURITY EXISTS IN KENYA, THE GOVERNMENT MUST RETAIN THE PUBLIC SECURITY ACT'S DETENTION PROVISION, WHICH UNDER THE KENYA CONSTITUTION PROVIDES FOR DETENTION WITHOUT TRIAL BY ORDER OF THE PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL SECURITY REASONS. NJONJO MAINTAINED THAT THE GOVERNMENT MUST BE CAPABLE OF MAINTAINING LAW AND ORDER AS KENYA'S FREEDOM COULD DISAPPEAR OVERNIGHT WITHOUT ADEQUATE SAFEGUARDS. HE JUSTIFIED THE EXISTENCE OF THE DETENTION PROVISION ON THE BASIS THAT CONDITIONS IN A NEWLY INDEPENDENT COUNTRY CANNOT BE EQUATED TO THOSE IN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES."

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2. COMMENT: WITHIN THE PAST SIX MONTHS THE DETENTION PROVISION HAS COME IN FOR CAUTIOUS CRITICISM BY THE KENYAN PRESS AND HAS PROMPTED APPEALS BY AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL. NJONJO'S STATEMENT SEEMS TO BE OFFICIAL RESPONSE TO THIS PRESSURE AND REPRESENTS APPARENT DECISION TO MAINTAIN STATUS QUO.

3. FULL TEXT OF SPEECH BEING FORWARDED BY POUCH TO
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